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liner 2 into ground 34. (See, also, Fig. 6.) By positioning spikes 46 and 48 into the ground 34 illustratively askew, yet non-perpendicular to the ground surface 36, more surface area of the spikes serve to anchor the channel liner 2 in place. It is appreciated that any number of spikes can be used on the channel liner 2, and their position relative to liner 2 can vary.

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4. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, lines 13-26, as follows:

A side, partially cut-away and cross-sectional view of coupled first and second channel liners 2 and 2' is shown in Fig. 5. It is contemplated herein for this illustrative embodiment that a portion of floor 4 and side walls 6 and 8 at end 12 of first channel liner 2 receive corresponding floor 4' and side wall portions 6' and 8' of end 10' of second channel liner 2'. Though channel liners 2 and 2' illustratively maintain a uniform cross-section, they can be made of a flexible material. This allows a portion of one end, including floor and side wall sections of the first channel liner, to fit within a portion of the corresponding floor and side walls of the opposite end of the second channel liner. This is accomplished without causing deleterious deformation of the portion of the second channel liner that is fitted within the first channel liner. It is appreciated that, in this illustrative embodiment, either floor 4 and side walls 6 and 8 of end 12 can be fitted within floor 4 and side walls 6 and 8 of end 10, or, conversely, floor 4 and side walls 6 and 8 of end 10 can be fitted within the walls or the floor 4 and side walls 6 and 8 of end 12. The material of channel liners 2 and 2' makes the liner flexible enough so that openings 18 and 20 of channel liner 2 can be aligned with corresponding openings 22' and 24' of channel liner 2'. (See, also, Fig. 4.) This allows mating of openings 22' and 24' of channel liner 2' with receptacles 14 and 16, respectively, of channel liner 2.

5. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8 and ending on page 9, line 6 as follows:

An end view of an illustrative landscaping channel liner 2 located in a trench 32 with a spike 46 disposed therethrough is shown in Fig. 6. In this illustrative embodiment, spike